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Sedgwick County Commissioners **Approve 2002 Budget**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners passed the 2002 Budget during their regular meeting on August 8. The total budget is \$259,431,577, with \$80,005,774 in budgeted ad valorem taxes. The mill levy will be 28.600 mills, subject to review and technical adjustments, which is unchanged from the 2001 levy amount.

During their budget discussion, Commissioners focused on the continued delivery of quality public service and enhanced services to citizens.

Some highlights from the 2002 Budget include:

- \$1.1 million in Prevention Funds for youth programs;
- \$1.7 million for drainage improvement projects;
- \$279,217 for two additional paramedic crews;
- \$161,350 for COMCARE to offer mental health services to inmates at the Adult Detention Facility;
- \$70,000 for public art at the Sedgwick County Zoo;
- \$69,915 for additional staff members in the Register of Deeds office;
- \$40,535 in additional funding for Sedgwick County Extension programs;
- \$25,000 for a Leadership Youth Academy; and
- \$12,200 for the Exploited and Missing Child Unit, a joint agency of Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita;

Also passed during today's meeting was the 2002 Fire District Budget, in the amount of \$10,252,125 with a mill levy rate of 15.426 mills, subject to review and technical adjustments. 5-year spending for capital improvements, including facilities, roads, bridges and intersections totals \$216,619,113.

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